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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON COMMUNICATING WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE /
ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

REF: A. STATE 166216, B. USUN 2297, C. MOSCOW 10089

1. DURING MOSCOW MEETING OF US-SOVIET WORKING GROUP ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO COORDINATE THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN. BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED ON GUIDELINES TO BE USED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE INITIAL ROUND OF THE US-SOVIET TALKS.

2. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE US-

SOVIET AGREEMENT AND WITH OUR INTENTION, EXPRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE, TO KEEP IT INFORMED OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE A BEARING ON ITS WORK. MISSION SHOULD COORDINATE TIMING OF DELIVERY OF THIS MESSAGE WITH SMUN. DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE IS FOR US AND SOVIET MISSIONS TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE SAME DAY, BUT IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH ITS CHAIRMAN.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE US HAS EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ITS FIRM DESIRE TO AVOID AN ESCALATING ARMS RACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND
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TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. WE SHARE THE DESIRE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN TO SEE PROGRESS TOWARDS THESE GOALS AND TO THAT END THE UNITED STATES HAS BEGUN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AIMED AT LIMITING THE MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE TWO STATES IN THE REGION. THESE TALKS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN EARLIER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ARE PART OF A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEGUN ON A VARIETY OF ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW BETWEEN JUNE 22 AND JUNE 27.

DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POSSIBLE STEPS, TO BE TAKEN BY BOTH SIDES, WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO AN ARMS LIMITATIONS ARRANGEMENT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THIS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONTRIBUTED TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH SIDE'S POSITION AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING AREAS OF EXISTING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM.

DURING THE TALKS, BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT THE LITTORAL STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS WELL AS OTHER STATES WHICH USE ITS WATERWAYS HAVE TAKEN AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING PEACE IN THE AREA. THE TWO PARTIES STATED THAT THEY SHARE THIS GOAL AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEIR TALKS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS OBJECTIVE.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT IN MOVING TOWARDS THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING PEACE IN THE AREA, FULL ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW REGARDING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, THE RIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT TO OVERFLY THE WATERS OF THE HIGH SEAS, THE UNRESTRICTED RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO CONDUCT COMMERCIAL
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NAVIGATION AND TO CONDUCT OCEANOGRAPHIC AND OTHER RESEARCH,
AS WELL AS OTHER RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AGREED TO CONTINUE
THESE TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ALTHOUGH THE TIME AND
VENUE OF THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS HAVE NOT YET BEEN
DECIDED.

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